

The 108th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. was held at the Las Animas High School in Las Animas, February 19, 1977. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Wootten at 1:30 P.M. with 153 people registered. We were welcomed to Las Animas by Chamber of commerce President Dick Jorgensen. The invocation was given by Rev. Bill Berger. The Flag Salute was led by the Juniors. President Wootten then gave a report of the years activities.

The Juniors and Cowbells were excused to go to their individual meetings.

The minutes were read and financial report given. It was moved by Wm. Rose/ Joe Autry to approve these reports. Motion carried.

Don Willis and Jack Orr gave an interesting slide presentation about the National Beef Referendum, which is a national self-help program on a fair-share basis. A question and answer period followed.

Narvey Larrew reported that the Bent-Prowers membership was at 432 at this time with a few less belonging to CCA.

President Wootten then called on Corwin Brown to speak about the CCA Endowment Trust Fund. He reported that the interest from this fund was \$12,000 in 1976. The Bent-Prowers Assn. sold 21 calves at the Lamar Livestock Commission Co. February 17, 1977 for a total of \$5597.25. This money will be donated to the Endowment Trust Fund.

A panel composed of Floyd Higbee, Jake Brown, Jack Orr and Ken Clark discussed the pros and cons of having a support price on Boned Beef. Many ideas were presented for thought.

Brand Inspector Lyman Edgar was called on to explain the brand assessment raise. He stated that the problem actually started 5 years ago. The cost of upkeep has doubled and the volume of cattle has dropped.

President Wootten then called on Calvin Thompson for the Resolution committee report. They were 12 resolutions (a complete copy is attached.)

1. Supporting Beef Referendum
2. Commend Partners in Action in Agriculture
3. Concerning imports
4. Health and sanitation of imported Beef
5. Labeling and meat identifications
6. Brand Assessments
7. Agriculture Land Trust
8. Oppose support price on Boned Beef
9. Inform other industries about our financial plight
10. Oppose House Bill 3367 and Senate Bill 650
11. A copy of resolutions to each director, CCA, ANCA, Partners in Action in Agriculture and the news media.
12. Thank you to all firms and individuals making meeting a success.

It was moved to accept all resolutions on first reading.

Motion carried.

The nominating committee report was given by Narvey Larrew.

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1st Vice-Pres-Calvin Thompson
2nd Vice-Pres.-D. J. Schleining
Sec-Treas.-Lorraine Schleining

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Bill Wootten
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BACA
Clyde McEndree
Bill Sparks
Corwin Brown
Lew Mathews

It was moved by Chuck McCormick/ Ken Clark to accept this report and have these members elected to office. Motion carried.

Jean Schleining gave a report on the events of the Junior s for the past year.

The Cowbelle report was given by President Pauline Reyher she stated that there were 107 local and state members in the local organization.

President Wootten called on CCA President Oley Kohlman gave a brief report about the ANCA convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

CCA Executive Vice-Pres. Dave Rice spoke about the scabies problem and various bills in legislation.

The meeting was adjourned by the new president Narvey Larrew. At the banquet Honorary Life memberships were presented to Neil Davidson, Harry Blackburn and Joe Oswald.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Schleining
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RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No 1

WHEREAS, there is a definite need to promote our product, to research the various segments of our industry, and to inform our members and the general public, and WHEREAS, the implementation of the Beef Referendum will free moneys from our Bent-Prowers, CCA and ANCA dues for other purposes, and WHEREAS, the participation in the Beef Referendum payments is strictly voluntary after its enactment, and WHEREAS, the assessments derived from our industry are the entire moneys to be used, with no injection from the general public and government, and WHEREAS, the board of control shall be from our industry, with only the Secretary of Agriculture as a representative of government, and then only as an advisor, and Whereas, means are provided for cancellations of the act if it does not meet its stated purposes and goals, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association approve the Beef Referendum and actively encourage all members of Bent-Prowers, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, American National Cattlemen's Association, and all producers in our industry, to register and to vote in the Referendum, and to actively participate in informing all members of the Beef Industry of the provisions of the Act, the time and place of registration, and the time and place of the voting, by every means possible, personal contacts, radio and television releases, and the printed press.

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Resolution No 2

Recognizing that there are many groups representing agriculture and the livestock industry, and recognizing that there are many diverse opinions as to the remedies needed to correct the problems of agriculture and the livestock industry, and realizing that the multiplicity and divergence of these proposed remedies are confusing to the members of Congress, the Department of Agriculture, State and Local Governments, resulting many times in ill advised Government action, or no action whatsoever, it should be known that an organization has been formed to discuss the problems of agriculture, including the livestock industry, and to present these problems to Congress and the Department of Agriculture for their knowledge and for the purpose of effecting remedies. This organization is grass roots and non-political. The name of the organization is "Partners in Action in Agriculture."

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association commend the organization "Partners in Action in Agriculture" and support its growth, both with in-put from our Association and members, and financial support from our Association and members to the extent possible.

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Resolution No. 3

Recognizing that the United States of America is the center of world trade, and that its well being is dependent upon imports from many nations, and exports to many nations; that exports of Agriculture have been responsible for the few favorable balance of payments in recent years, and that a strong livestock industry in this country is necessary for the continuance of favorable balances of payments,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge its representatives, those of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and the American National Cattlemen's Association to work with Congress, the Department of Agriculture, the State Department, and the executive branch of government to achieve the following:

1. A realistic approach to imports of inventory to including all Beef products, whether live or processed
2. The setting of practical quotas for all nations exporting to this country, including the neighboring nations of Mexico and Canada.
3. The design of practical trigger points and the strict enforcement of cutoff points.
4. The closure of all loopholes designed to pervert this act.
5. The inclusion of the Secretary of Agriculture in all decisions of the State Department having to do with

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agricultural imports, including beef.

6. Equal status for the Secretary of Agriculture and
Secretary of State.

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Resolution No 4

BE IT RESOLVED ~~that~~ all imported meat products shall meet
the same high standards of health inspection that is required
of the American Meat Industry.

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BE IT RESOLVED that American produced Beef trade names and terms commonly used to describe American Beef and cuts of beef be protected from infringement by foreign firms importing meat and meat by-products into this country.

FURTHER, that all imported beef be required to bear the label "Imported Beef", whereby the retailer and the consumer will know the origin of their beef purchases.

FURTHER, that all products purporting to be beef shall be required to list all additives and contents that have been added to the product such as soybeans, other products and fillers.

Resolution No. 6

recognizing that the Brand Board is entirely self supported by inspection fees on livestock and brand assessments, and sales ring licensing fees and that currently brand assessment fees go into the Colorado State General Fund, which is not bound to allocating back these same monies and interest to the Brand Commission, and further recognizing no future congress can be bound to return monies from the general fund,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association and its representatives bring pressure to bear on the legislature to create a dedicated fund for the Colorado State Brand Commission, to consist solely of Brand Assessment fees, Livestock Inspection fees, Estray funds and Sales Ring Licensing fees, to be used for the purpose of maintaining the commission and its staff in the performance of brand inspection. Said dedicated fund and the interest derived therefrom to be protected from present and future usurpation by the legislature.

explore this proposition, its long range economic and social implications, and, if finding the afore mentioned allegations true, to disallow the formation of this trust.

Resolution No. 7 .

WHEREAS the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., a 16 billion dollar bank, in cooperation with the brokerage firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, proposes a \$50 million, TAX EXEMPT, mutual fund plan, to purchase farm land for trustees of pension funds and other taxexempt institutions, and

WHEREAS the above action would trigger the formation of many like funds, and

WHEREAS these funds could trigger a gigantic corporate invasion of farming by non-farm investors, and competition of a magnitude, due to its sheer size and tax exemptions, whereby the family farmer could not compete thus driving him out of his chosen profession, and

WHEREAS this could result in a return of the feudal system of landlords and tenants, and

WHEREAS, having accomplished the take over, could control the market and pricing to the ultimate detriment of the consumer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association exert its influence on the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, The American National Cattlemen's Association, our representatives in Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Treasury, the Director of Internal Revenue, and the President of the United States, to thoroughly

Resolution No. 8

Recognizing that various remedies are being proposed for the current state of the cattle industry, and that a major share of the responsibility for our present dilemma is a result of ill-advised government price controls, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association resist all efforts of price control, and the implementation of subsidies on beef which would grant the government implied approval of price fixing of our product.

Resolution No. 9

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and The American National Cattlemen's Association direct an educational program directed to Labor, Farm Machinery Companys, Automobile Companys, Oil and Fertilizer Companys, and the Steel Industry pointing out the following facts:

1. While the livestock and agriculture segment of our country represents only about 2% of our population, its expenditure represents the greatest per capita expenditure of any group in this country.
2. That the saying "If a Farmer(rancher) has money he will spend it" is true, and that the money is spent on improvements for our farms and ranches, most of which comes from their industries.
3. That our current problems come from low prices and lack of earnings, that presently we are unable to make the purchases we need to make for the reasons.
4. That we need them to understand our situation, and that we need their support in getting our problems corrected.
5. That given a fair price in the market place, we will buy their products in such quantities that they will have to hire more labor, increase production, and in the end we will all prosper.

Resolution No. 10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record opposing H.R. bill 3367 and Senate Bill 650 introduced by Rep. Sebelius and Senator Hellman.

These bills would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay wheat farmers \$1 per bushel on proven past yields to let livestock graze out or produce green chop forage or hay from up to 40% of their allotted wheat acreage. We oppose these bills because:

1. It only subsidizes grain farmers who graze out their wheat or use it for hay or silage.
2. It therefore gives them an unfair advantage in buying feeder cattle as compared to producers who have no wheat acreage.
3. It artificially stimulates feeder cattle prices now but will cause a glut of cattle and lower prices when they are sold in May and June.
4. The industry currently has too many cattle and too much Beef. This government subsidy would only aggravate the problem.

We urge you to contact your congressman asking them to oppose these bills also.

Resolution No. 11

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of the resolutions herein contained and passed, be provided each officer and director of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the American National Cattlemen's Association, Partners in Action in Agriculture and the various News Media.

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Resolution No. 12

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies and individuals who so generously contributed to the success of this 108th annual meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Las Animas Chamber of Commerce

Las Animas Public Schools

La Junta Production Credit Association

Federal Land Bank of Lamar

St. Mary's School

News Media

and all the individuals, businesses and etc. that have made us welcome here and supported us during our 108th annual meeting.

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